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"So you have decided not to take a vacation this summer? What's the matter? Don't you think a rest would do you any good?"
"Oh, I haven't any doubt that a vacation would be a fine thing for me. I'm almost played out—feel sometimes as if I simply couldn't keep up the pace; but the fact is I got a chance a few days ago to get all the money I had on a dead sure thing; so I'll not be able to afford to get away."

OLDEST IN ENGLAND.

THE SEVEN STARS IN THE CITY OF MANCHESTER.

Some Historical Features—Secret Passages Through Which Clergy Used to Go in Sermon Time in Their Surplices to Refresh Themselves.

(Special Letter.)

The Seven Stars in the city of Manchester claims to be the oldest licensed house in Great Britain, and this claim rests upon documentary evidence. According to the county records, formerly preserved in the record office, Lancaster castle, now removed to London, it has been a licensed hostelry for a period of 540 years, the first license having been granted in the reign of Edward III., A. D. 1256.

In the middle ages inns were not so plentiful as in more recent times. The entertainment of travelers was undertaken by the monasteries, where there was always a hospitium for the pilgrims, soldiers and merchants who rode from town to town. In the fifteenth century inns began to spring up, the burghers not being on very good terms with the monks, and caring not to depend upon them for hospitality.

Sometimes the worthy citizens used to receive travelers into their houses and accept payment for entertaining them. Regular inns were usually distinguished by the sign of the landlord with a bush attached to it. Hence the proverb: "Good wine needs no bush."

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The sleeping accommodation in these inns, judging from old pictures, was primitive, the beds being arranged in separate berths like those of a ship's cabin.

Such an inn was the old Seven Stars, which has many interesting features and historical associations. Here came Guy Fawkes and concealed himself in "Ye Guy Faux Chamber," as the legend over the door testifies.

What stories could this old inn tell us! It would tell of the Flemish weavers who, driven from their own country by religious persecutions and the atrocities of Duke Alva, settled in Manchester in 1564; of the dispute between the clergy of the collegiate church and the citizens in 1574, when one of the preachers, a bachelor of divinity, on his way to the church, was stabbed three times by the dagger of a Manchester man; of the execution in 1584 of three popish priests, whose heads were afterward exposed from the tower of the church.

Then there is the story of the famous siege in 1642, when the king's forces tried to take the town and were repulsed by the townfolk, who were staunch roundheads. "A great and furious skirmish did ensue," and the Seven Stars was in the center of the fighting. Sir Thomas Fairfax made Manchester his headquarters in 1643, and the walls of the Seven Stars echoed with the carousals of the roundhead soldiers. When Fairfax marched from Manchester to relieve Nantwich, some dragoons had to leave hurriedly and secreted their mess plate in the walls of the old inn, where it was discovered only a few years ago and may now be seen in the parlor of this interesting hotel.

In 1745 the Seven Stars furnished accommodation for the soldiers of Prince Charles Edward, the young pretender, and was the headquarters of the Manchester regiment, commanded by Colonel Townley. One of the rooms is called "Ye vestry," on account of its connection with the Collegiate church. There was a secret passage between the inn and the church, and, according to the Court Leet records, some of the clergy used to go to the Seven Stars in sermon time in their surplices to refresh themselves. O, tempora! O, mores!

A horn shoe at the foot of the stairs has a story to tell. During the war with France, in 1805, the press gang was billeted at the Seven Stars. A

young farmer's lad was leading a horse to be shod, which had cast a shoe. The press gang rushed out, seized the young man, and led him off to serve the king. Before leaving he nailed the shoe to a post on the stairs, saying, "Let this stay till I come from the wars to claim it." So it remains to this day unclaimed a mute reminder of its owner's fate and of the ways of our forefathers. We regret to hear that the old inn is doomed, and that commercial enterprises and the growth of hideous warehouses and factories necessitate its removal. Another interesting link between the present and the past will be lost if Manchester allows this relic of antiquity to be demolished.

THE SIGN OF RECKONING.

A New Gesture Acquired by Troops Returning from the War.

Among the troops returning from the new territories added to the United States by the Spanish war many have unconsciously acquired a new trick of gesture, says the New York Tribune. Ask any one in this part of the world to beckon to a distant person to come nearer and the sign will be made by extending the arm forward, palm upward, three fingers flexed into the palm and the index fingers moved back and forth. Neither in the new eastern nor the new western possessions does that signal mean "come here," as a matter of fact it has not that meaning among the American Indians. The northern races of Europe are almost the only people who employ the sign in that sense, and with them it may be regarded as but a

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hand dialect. All over the rest of the world "come here" is made by extending the arm rigidly before the body; palm facing forward and the four fingers sharply extended and flexed back into the palm several times. Every soldier of the armies of occupation who comes in contact with the Spaniards and the native races is bound to acquire the new gesture and to bring it home with him.

A MUSICAL WONDER.

Once in a while there is found among the pupils of the public schools a child who seems endowed with an unusual amount of talent in some one direction. The picture represents Lawrence Brabeau, who attends the Russell school and is in the B second class, living at 355 Brady street. He is only eight years old, and when sitting on the piano stool his feet reach little more than half way down to the floor. Yet he plays the latest of the popular airs, and plays them with a good deal of skill. Not simply the airs does he play, but



LAWRENCE BRABEAU.

with his left hand he executes the bass accompaniment and the air with his right. He needs to hear a new march but once or twice and he will be able to sit down at the piano and play it over, keeping excellent time. He has never had a teacher, but has picked up all he knows by himself. He is a quiet and unassuming little fellow and possesses a remarkably sweet face. Lawrence's parents are French. He is often asked to play while the pupils are marching to and from the room, and Sousa's marches are then his favorites.

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Eczema is more than a skin disease, and no skin remedies can cure it. The doctors are unable to effect a cure, and their mineral mixtures are damaging to the most powerful constitution. The whole trouble is in the blood, and Swift's Specific is the only remedy which can reach such deep-seated blood diseases.

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"It looks like rain."
"I beg your pardon."
"I say it looks like rain."
"What does?"
"The weather."

"The weather, my dear sir, is a condition. Rain is water in the act of falling from the clouds. It is impossible that they should like alike."

"What I meant was that the sky looked like rain."

"Equally impossible. The sky is the blue vault above us—the seeming arch or dome that we mistakenly call the heavens. It does not resemble falling water in the least."

"Well, then, if you are so thunderingly particular, it looks as if it would rain."

"As if what would rain?"

"The weather, of course."

"The weather, as before stated, being a condition, cannot rain."

"The clouds then, blame you."

"Ah, here it comes: And I have taken so much time in talking to you that I shall get wet to the skin before I can reach yonder street car. Good-by."

(Calling after him)—I may not know as much about it as you do, but I've got sense enough to come in out of it, and you haven't."

IMPORTANT LAW POINT.

Has Just Been Established for California Fig Syrup Co.

An important decision has just been rendered in San Francisco in the United States Circuit Court, in the case of the "California Fig Syrup Company vs. Clinton E. Worden & Co., et al." The principal defendant is a large non-secret manufacturing concern. A permanent injunction has been granted enjoining the defendants from using the name—Syrup of Figs, or Fig Syrup—and ordering them to pay the costs and account for damages. The decision is of the greatest value, not only to manufacturers of proprietary articles, but to the public generally, as it affirms that the valuable reputation acquired by an article of merit, will be protected by the Courts, and that the party who builds the reputation by extensive and legitimate advertising, is entitled to the full fruits of his enterprise. This confirms the title of the California Fig Syrup Co. to this genuine and most valuable remedy, "Syrup of Figs."

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Jamie doesn't go to church often, but his mamma took him there last Sunday. Now she wishes she hadn't. "Mamma," he asked in a shrill whisper, "what makes the man's voice shake so?" "Hush, dear," said mamma, "I don't know."

But, mamma, the little scamp persisted in a still louder whisper, "you know—when pap's voice shook the other night you said it was beer!"

And that's why Jamie's church privileges have been so rudely cut off.

Suspicion may degrade its possessor, but it keeps him alert.

The more sunburned the man the more flaming his necktie.

Some important changes have been made in the Maintenance of Way department of the Baltimore and Ohio lines east of the Ohio river by Assistant General Manager Willard. There will hereafter be four division engineers instead of six, with territory and headquarters as follows: B. T. Fendall, all lines between Philadelphia and Brunswick, Md., with headquarters at Baltimore. C. B. Owen, the main line and branches between Brunswick, Md., and Grafton, W. Va., including Brunswick yard, with headquarters at Cumberland, Md. J. F. Cassell, the main line from Parkersburg to Wheeling, including both terminals and the Beilington branch, with headquarters at Grafton, W. Va. C. T. Manning, the main line and branches from Wheeling to Cumberland by way of Pittsburgh, with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

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To Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

(LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 4187)

"DEAR FRIEND—A year ago I was a great sufferer from female weakness. My head ached all the time and I would get so dizzy and have that all gone feeling in the stomach and was so nervous and restless that I did not know what to do with myself."

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"I have recommended it to all my friends and have given it to my daughter who is now getting along splendidly. May you live many years to help our suffering sisters."—Mrs. G. CARPENTER, 253 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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